1	2	11	12	13	14	15	16
28.	Daman & Diu	57.86	15.11	26.11	0.85	0.27	31.76
29.	Lakshdweep	54.81	31.31	57.12	0.80	0.57	71.25
30.	Pondicherry	173.90	91.82	52.80	1.74	1.16	66.67
	Total	253116.32	138477.07	54.71	4141.37	2610.12	63.03

Kerosene Depot

2856. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Matsyafed in Kerala has applied for sanction for opening Kerosene depots at certain important locations;

(b) whether the Government have recorded any clearance for the same;

(c) if so, the locations in which these are proposed to be opened; and

(d) whether Matsyafed is allowed to improt duty free multifilament yarn and twine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) A request was earlier received from the Government of Kerala for allotment of Kerosene wholesale dealerships to Matsyafed at five locations, namely, Vizhinjam (Trivandrum), Neendakara (Kollam), Valanjavazhi (Alappuzha), Puthiyappad (Kozhiakode) and Ponnani (Malappuram). The State Government was advised that Matsyafed should apply in response to the advertisements of the oil companies subject to their meeting the eligibility criteria.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Employment Guarantee Scheme

2857. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have cleared the proposal for implementing the Employment Guarantee Scheme in all the Blocks of the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Blocks in which the said Scheme has been implemented so far;

(d) the minimum number of days in a year for which the persons of poor families in villages are provided employment under the said scheme and the number of persons who are provided employment under the said scheme; and

(e) the expenditure likely to be incurred by each block for the implementation of the said Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to implement the Employment Assurance Scheme in all the blocks of the country.

(b) It has been decided to extend EAS to all the non-EAS blocks of the country within 2 years. Accordingly, EAS has been extended to 1123 blocks of the country and funds at the rate of Rs. 20 lakhs per block has been released to the District Rural Development Agencies to implement the scheme. The remaining blocks of the country will be covered during 1997-98.

(c) So far, the EAS is being implemented in 4329 blocks of the country.

(d) The purpose of the scheme is to provide 100 days labour employment, during the off season, to all those who are needy and who have registered their names with the Panchayats for the employment. So far 235 lack people have been registered under the scheme.

(e) The employment assurence scheme is a demand based scheme, therefore, no allocation has been made for any state/block. The expenditure on each block depends on the demand of labour employment.

Alternative Fuel

2858. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme to run the vehicles with alcohol as done in Brazil;

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to implement the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, Government have set up a committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Food to examine the possibility of mixing alcohol produced by Sugar Manufacturing/Distillery units with petrol/diesel for use as motor fuel.

Space Centre

2859. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to send any Indian cosmonaut in space by launching the rocket from Sriharikota Space Centre;